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SUBJ: FIFTH PNE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUMMARY: AGENCY IS PLANNING TO HOLD FIFTH PNE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 6-10, 1976. SUBJECT IS "STATUS OF PNE TECHNOLOGY, 1976" WITH EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS. AGENCY IS HOLDING LETTERS OF INVITATION FOR MEETING PENDING USG VIEWS ON SCHEDULE. ACTION REQUESTED: VIEWS OF DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED AGENCIES RE MEETING SCHEDULE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE AGENCY'S PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1976 (GC(XIX)/550, AUGUST 1975) INCLUDES A FIFTH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON PNE TO BE HELD DURING 1976. (THE FOURTH SUCH MEETING WAS HELD IN JANUARY 1975.) THE AGENCY HAS PREPARED LETTERS OF INVITATION FOR THIS MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR 6-10 DECEMBER IN VIENNA, AND PLANS TO SEND THESE LETTERS TO AUSTRALIA, EGYPT,
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3. ACCORDING TO THE LETTER QUOTE THE TOPIC OF MEETING WILL BE 'STATUS OF THE PNE TECHNOLOGY,,1976' WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF PNE PROJECTS. ECONOMIC DATA ON PNE PROJECTS OR EXPERIMENTS, PLANNED OR PERFORMED, WOULD BE OF INTEREST. IN ADDITION MANY CONVENTIONAL, LARGE-SCALE ENGINEERING PROJECTS EMPLOY CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES THAT WOULD ALSO BE EMPLOYED IN PNE PROJECTS. CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COSTS OFTEN DIFFER APPRECIABLY FROM PRE-CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES, EVEN WHEN INFLATION RATES ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM USEFUL TO DEVELOP DATA FOR SUCH CONVENTIONAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD ALLOW COMPARISONS BETWEEN COST ESTIMATES AND ACTUAL PROJECT COSTS. INFORMATION OF THIS KIND MIGHT HELP TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC CALCULATIONS FOR PORPOSED PNE PROJECTS. OTHER TECHNICAL TOPICS FOR WHICH PAPERS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED ARE: REPORTS OF PROJECT STUDIES; HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS; PHENOMENOLOGY; SCIENTIFIC STUDIES; AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND SOCIAL EFFORTS. IN ADDITION, STATEMENTS ARE REQUESTED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS WHICH WOULD REFLECT THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS IN PNE, RECENT PROGRESS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MADE, AND INFORMATION OF POTENTIAL PNE PROJECTS. UNQUOTE.

4. ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS WOULD BE DUE BY 15 OCTOBER 1976 AND FINAL PAPERS BY 19 NOVEMBER.

5. MISSION HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY D.FISCHER (IAEA, EXTERNAL RELATIONS) THAT HE HAS HEARD INDIRECTLY OF SOME INTERESTS IN POSTPONING THIS MEETING TO MID-1977. FISCHER IS HOLDING THE LETTERS PENDING ADVICE FROM MISSION ON USG VIEWS REGARDING SCHEDULE. MISSION UNDERSTANDS LETTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY DDG ZHELUDEV. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE VIEWS SOONEST FOR RESPONSE TO FISCHER.STONE
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